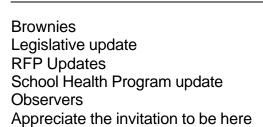
# School Health Advisory Committee June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001



Discussion



Low turn out committee members Hear from Title V programs

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Committee Members present:

Ruth Stewart, Chair Michelle Smith, Vice-Chair Dr. Alma Golden

Dr. Ann Sims

Staff present:

Michelle McComb, School Health Program Marion Stoutner, Child Wellness Division

Visitors

Sally Griewahn, Abilene Intercollegiate School of Nursing Candy Phipps, Texas Pediatric Society Catherine Sorrell, Texas Association of School Boards Catherine Douglass, Texas Association of School Boards Jenny Young, Texas Medical Association Mark Hanna, Texas Association of School Nurses Cathy Harris Tommy Fleming Jane Tustin

Diane Montoya, School Health Program Mike Messinger, Bureau of Children's Health

## I. Review of agenda

- a. Mailed out version to committee members slightly different then posted version with the following changes:
  - i. Legislative review lengthened, and
  - ii. Scheduling of future meetings item lengthened

#### II. Review of previous meeting minutes

- a. Approved by consensus for public distribution
- b. Public Comment period
  - i. Sally Griewahn of Abilene gave a small report to the committee regarding utilization of health extenders vs. Registered Nurses in the schools of Abilene.
  - ii. Ms. Griewahn also commented that the medical society for this area has also contacted her to perform a study to retrieve data on what the school nurse had been historically responsible for.
  - iii. Ms. Griewahn has offered a copy of the results to the SHAC once the data has been fully collected and filtered.
  - iv. Members of the committee suggested several alternate ways for Ms. Griewahn to search for RN/LVN data regarding school health services
  - v. Other guests included Jenny Young of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) and Candie Phipps of the Texas Pediatric Association (TPA)

#### III. Legislative Review

a. Dr. Fleming indicated that the Texas State Board of Education will be meeting in July and August of this year to implement changes/additions by the latest session of the Texas Legislature.

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- b. According to Jenny Young, representing TMA, House bill (HB) 814 & 396 was rolled into Senate Bill 19 causing TEA to look at the possibility of pursuing the SHAC as the advisory committee that is necessary to complete the requirements of this bill.
- c. HB 1688 has passed, regarding asthma medication, which allows children with asthma to carry his/her medication and self-administer.

#### **IV.** Subcommittee for Action (Action Plan)

- a. Corrections made from the comments received by the members and placed into the revised action plan presented to the committee.
- b. Ms. McComb requested permission from the committee to take the approved plan to the Board of Health to serve as a report of what the committee has done and will do in the future.
  - i. Committee supports Ms. McComb's idea to present the action plan as the report to the Board of Health.
- c. Motion to approve the action plan with revisions of dates and seconded to approve with revisions of dates.
  - i. Chair puts the motion to question; motion is approved by consensus.

### V. Subcommittee for Surveys, Michelle Smith

- a. Subcommittee issues for future surveys
  - i. Needs to be broader than previous survey
  - ii. Needs to be simplified (i.e. scantron, yes/no)
  - Recognition that there are different definitions of school health services across the state of Texas
  - iv. Survey different segments of Texas to attain adequate sampling
  - v. Terms to define on survey (i.e. Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner)
- b. Ms. McComb stated that the School Health Program is currently revising a brochure defining school health services.
- c. The objectives met on the action plan thru this subcommittee were **1.1.1** (to determine if the current survey was an effective data collection model (DCM)), **1.1.2**(to determine if the appropriate data can be collected with current instruments) and **begin work on 1.1.3**.
- d. Group discussion on possible formats of future surveys.
  - i. Phases, 1-3 surveys, per school year.
  - ii. Incentive to volunteering the completion of a survey.
  - iii. Calling 100 people from a list, which would get answers right then and there.
  - iv. Local advisory councils and regional school health specialists would be an efficient way to disseminate the survey.
- e. Deadline imposed by Michelle Smith for subcommittee thoughts and suggestions is July 15, 2001.
  - i. Ms. Smith recommended bold, highlighting, or different color fonts for the changes made to the document when returned.

## **VI. School Health Program Activities**

- a. School Based Health Centers (SBHCs), John Dillard, Program Specialist
  - i. Current funding cycle, the requests for proposals (RFPs) generated five potential applicants, three of which were chosen for start-up funding which is scheduled to start the next fiscal year.
    - 1. Hays Consolidated Independent School District
    - 2. Sundown Independent School District

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- 3. Galveston Independent School District
- ii. The previous funding cycle gave the School Health Program four SBHCs to fund, all of which have completed additional forms for the continuation RFP making them eligible for 75% of their initial funding amount.
  - 1. George I Sanchez Charter High School
  - 2. Dallas ISD
  - 3. Socorro ISD
  - 4. Texarkana ISD
  - Q1. Does CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) have a tie to these programs?
  - A1. By Current Texas law, the clinics have to pursue all possible sources of 3 rd party reimbursement.
  - Q2. Could the committee receive a list of all the SBHC in Texas?
  - A2. TDH could provide the committee with a list of all the TDH funded SBHCs which would leave out those funded by other sources.
  - Q3. What is the current attitude of SBHCs, can you speak broadly for your area?
  - A3. There has been a tremendous amount of outreach in regards to funding the SBHCs and we still get relatively few applications.
- b. Nurses Manual (School Health Manual), Michelle McComb
  - i. The TDH School Health Program is contracting with Dr. Melanie Percy of the University of Texas to write a School Health Manual covering all 8 components of a coordinated School Health model, but primary focus is school health services.
  - ii. Four additional research assistants have been hired to undertake this task. Each are graduate students.
- c. The Head Lice manual (*Recommended Guidelines for the Management of Pediculosis in a School Setting*, Stock # 1-190) has been revised and is currently being mailed out to every public school district in Texas. It is also available electronically on the School Health Program Website.
- d. ALLWELL happened June 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at the Texas Christian University campus in Fort Worth
  - i. Short format worked extremely well for the number of participants at the conference.
  - ii. Dr. Golden and Dr. Andersen performed a session about advisory councils for this conference.
- e. HIPPA, federal mandate causing committee members to question how this will impact school districts after the implementation date.

### VII. Future meeting scheduling

a. Keep the meetings on Thursdays; leave it on the second Thursday of the month.

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002 April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002 June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002 August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002

#### VIII. Organizations to invite to future meetings

- 1. YWCA
- 2. Higher Education Coordinator Board
- 3. Texas School Based Health Centers

- 4. Texas School Nurse Administrator Association
- 5. Family Voices
- 6. Texas Association of Child Psychiatrists
- 7. Diabetes Council (TDH)

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- 8. American Lung Association
- 9. CHIP coalition
- 10. CHARIOT (Children's Hospital and Related Institutions of Texas)
- 11. EC programs
- 12. School Alliance all districts that are experiencing fast growth
- 13. Rural Health Alliance (?)
- 14. Parochial schools/private schools in state

- 15. Texas Association of Business Officials (TASBO)
- 16. ADHD support groups
- 17. Dr. Susan Penfield could be a resource in listing organizations
- 18. Texas Association of School Nurses
- 19. Texas Nurse Association
- 20. Texas School of Public Relation
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- a. Committee suggestion to organize the list
  - i. Organizations to keep informed of all activities
  - ii. Organizations that will be easily accessed and stay interested
    - 1. Letter of introduction
    - 2. Mission statement
    - 3. Fax back sheet
  - iii. The Office of Governmental Relations (TDH) needs to be invited to a future meeting, to help the committee prepare for what needs to be done for future legislative sessions.
- b. Mark Hanna of the Texas Association of School Nurses comments on legislation that his group has followed through the entire 77<sup>th</sup> session.
  - i. HB 1095, Mr. Hanna did not find ANY organized group in opposition to the School Health Advisory Committee which in itself is unusual.
  - ii. Talked to members of the Public Education committee in the House and the Education committee in the Senate are unanimously supportive of the SHAC. They both would like to be a part of the process and help the committee further.

#### IX. Adjourn

**Ruth Stewart, MS, RNCS** 

**Chair, School Health Advisory Committee**